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*The Reverend John W. P. Collier, Jr.*

Sunday, June 3, 1984

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Scott's Manor, 180 Main Street, Orange, New Jersey

"HE LISTENED TO THE LONG STILLNESS AND KNEW THAT GOD WAS AT WORK!"

# THE AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH OVERSEAS DISTRICT



Bishops serving as Chairmen of the Commission on Missions during the tenure of Rev. John W.P. Collier, Jr. Bishop D. Ward Nichols, Bishop Harrison J. Bryant, Bishop Frederick C. James, Bishop Richard Allen Hildebrand.



Bishop Richard Allen Hildebrand



Bishop D. Ward Nichols



Bishop Harrison J. Bryant



Rev. John W.P. Collier, Jr.



Bishop Frederick C. James

## THE REVEREND JOHN W.P. COLLIER, JR.

The Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Department of Missions of the African Methodist Episcopal Church is the Reverend John W.P. Collier, Jr. Mr. Collier was elected to this position by the General Board in Columbus, Ohio in 1969 and re-elected by the General Conferences in Dallas, Texas in 1972; Atlanta, Georgia in 1976 and New Orleans, Louisiana in 1980.

Mr. Collier's educational background includes a Bachelor of Science degree in Social Administration (magna cum laude) from Wilberforce University, Wilberforce, Ohio; a Master of Divinity degree from Payne Theological Seminary, Wilberforce, Ohio; completed residence requirements for a Master of Arts degree in Missions and Rural Church at Drew Theological Seminary, Madison, New Jersey. He holds an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree from Wilberforce University and an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree from Morris Brown College, Atlanta, Georgia.

His pastoral experience includes having served as minister of St. Thomas A.M.E. Church, Westfield, New Jersey; St. Mark's A.M.E. Church, Cranford, New Jersey; The Church of the Holy Trinity (College Church), Wilberforce, Ohio; Bethel A.M.E. Church, Buffalo, New York; Israel Memorial A.M.E. Church, Newark, New Jersey; and A.M.E. Union Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He also served as interim pastor of Morris Brown A.M.E. Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Collier has been a delegate to every A.M.E. General Conference since 1948. His many activities on Church boards and committees have included serving as vice-president of the New Jersey Council of Churches and a member of its General Board, and president of several ministerial groups. He is a member of the Payne Theological Seminary Board of Directors and of its Executive Committee. He attended the World Conference on Methodism in London in 1966. During a 3-year term as Recording Secretary of the Division of Overseas Ministers of the National Council of Churches of Christ, he represented the Division at the World Assembly of the World Council of Christian Education in Lima, Peru in 1971. He attended the World Methodist Council's Consultation on Missions in Mexico City in 1973.

Community activities have included Chairman from 1960-1965 of the Newark Citizen's Committee for Equality in Education. This Committee's action resulted in the successful suit against the Newark Board of Education alleging discrimination in promotional examinations. Mr. Collier was Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Newark Branch N.A.A.C.P. from 1959-61 and is a Subscribing Life Member.

Active in the Civil Rights struggle, Mr. Collier was a member of a group of 18 clergymen who went into the deep South in June 1961 on the first interfaith, interracial freedom ride. He was leader of the group arrested and jailed in Tallahassee, Florida, because of refusal to abide by unconstitutional, discriminatory laws. He was also a member of the Prayer Pilgrimage to Albany, Georgia in 1962 in which 75 Protestant, Roman Catholic and Jewish clergymen and laymen were arrested and jailed as unlawfully, assembled disorderly persons.

Since election to his present office, Mr. Collier has visited twenty-seven of the twenty-nine countries outside of continental United States where African Methodism supports missionary activity.

Mr. Collier holds memberships in Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, NAACP, SCLC, Urban League, Masons and National Committee of Black Churchmen.

He is married to the former Mrs. Mary Louise Savage of Jefferson City, Missouri. He is the father of two children: John 3rd and Joan Kathleen.

*Highest Congratulations to*

**DR. JOHN W.P. COLLIER, JR.**

**For A Job Well Done In The**

**DEPARTMENT OF MISSIONS**

**OF THE**

**AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH**



**Bishop Richard Allen Hildebrand**

**Chairman, Commission On Missions  
Presiding Bishop First Episcopal District**

*We Bless You As You and Mrs. Collier  
Go Forth As Overseas Missionaries.  
God Be With You.*

*Congratulations*  
*To*  
**DR. JOHN W.P. COLLIER, JR.**  
*Upon An*  
*Outstanding and Dedicated Career*  
*In*  
**African Methodist Episcopal Church**  
**Leadership**



**BISHOP FREDERICK C. JAMES**  
Presiding Bishop of the  
Twelfth Episcopal District  
African Methodist Episcopal Church

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**DR. JOHN W. P. COLLIER, JR.**

*Congratulations*

Upon Your Outstanding Record Of Service  
In The Christian Ministry As Teacher, Pastor and  
General Officer In The African Methodist Episcopal Church.  
God Has Bless Your Ministry and Given You "Good Success."

*Love,*

**BISHOP AND MRS. JOHN E. HUNTER**  
*Presiding Bishop*  
*15th Episcopal District*  
*African Methodist Episcopal Church*